

**Town of Webster  
Economic Development Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
March 8, 2016**

Attending: Brian Kretchman, Owner of Kretchman Brewery  
Chris Charniak, Owner of Charniak Insurance  
Brett Condon, Resident  
Don Bourque, Chair of the Board of Selectman  
Marc Becker, Assessor  
Carol Cyr, Director of Community Development  
Meagen Donoghue, Planner

Absent: Eric Marcoux, Owner of Alert Driving Academy  
Pam LeDuc, Acting Town Administrator

Meeting called to order: 5:32 p.m.

Irene Martel Conference Room

**Introduction of New Members**

Chris Charniak and Brian Kretchman introduced themselves.

**Elections**

Mr. Bourque nominated Marc Becker as Chair. Mr. Becker accepted the nomination upon the condition that it is temporary. Mr. Bourque also nominated Meagen Donoghue for Secretary. Ms. Donoghue respectfully declined. Mr. Bourque then nominated Carol Cyr for Secretary, who also respectfully declined. After a brief discussion Ms. Donoghue stated that she would accept the nomination and Ms. Cyr would help out as needed. Mr. Charniak motioned to elect both Mr. Becker in as Chair and Ms. Donoghue as Secretary. Mr. Kretchman second; vote all in favor.

**Goals**

Mr. Becker presented the mission statement and asked if there was a specific direction the Committee wanted to go in as well as a time frame. He requested that everyone bring research, handouts, and paperwork from other community economic development programs of towns similar to Webster.

Mr. Bourque requested that the meetings stay on track of the agenda.

Ms. Cyr asked what the group wanted to see from this committee. Mr. Kretchman noted that he started his business from scratch and he had little to no direction. He believes a committee like this can help others. Ms. Cyr proposed that the Town should have something to hand out as a resource to new business owners so they aware of what it takes to start a business in Webster. Mr. Condon added that the Town should encourage others to fill up vacant store fronts throughout town.

Mr. Bourque indicated that Charlton has a CD that is an "A-Z" of how to start a business in town. Ms. Donoghue indicated that she would be happy to get it as she knows the Economic Development Director. Mr. Bourque indicated that the Town should only have five (5) CDs at a time and not a website. Mr. Kretchman countered saying a resource such as this should be on the website as more people go online and don't usually stop into Town Hall when just starting out. Mr. Bourque said the Committee could discuss it further at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

Mr. Becker requested we meet once a month. Mr. Bourque requested every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Charniak made a motion to meet every third Wednesday of each month at 5:30. Mr. Kretchman second; vote all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Meagen P. Donoghue, Planner

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and applications can be viewed at  
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Planning & Economic  
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